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City and American Legion Offer Online Memorial Day Program

by Butch Hicks



PHOTO BY BEVERLEY PALAU

City Council gathers at the War Memorial to commemorate Memorial Day. From left, Councilmembers Judith Davis, Leta Mach, Mayor Colin Byrd, Silke Pope, Edward Putens and Emmett Jordan

Each year on Memorial Day the Greenbelt American Legion family joins the greater Greenbelt community, political leaders and others to acknowledge the sacrifice of those veterans who died

answering their nation's call. Because of assembly and communications constraints caused by the COVID-19 virus, it appeared this year's ceremony would not occur. As it seemed Memorial

Day would go by without Greenbelt's official recognition, Beverly Palau, Greenbelt's public information and communications See **MEMORIAL**, page 6

City and Museum Work Out How to Manage Future Roles

by Matthew Arbach

At a May 20 worksession with the Greenbelt City Council, the Friends of the Greenbelt Museum (FOGM) shared the details of their upcoming budget, proposed operation changes and renovation plans for a new visitor/education center at 10-A Crescent Road.

Even though the pandemic response is the overriding concern at the moment, all involved see the importance of making sure the Museum moves ahead into the future with more efficiency and enhanced infrastructure. As usual at recent council

meetings, discussion of the COVID-19 situation commenced the meeting. City Manager Nicole Ard and staff are still at work on the city's Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act spending proposal. Mayor Pro Tem Emmett Jordan shared an assessment from County Chief Health Officer Dr. Ernest Carter that the hospital and fatality cases are "the tip of the iceberg," with the advent of new testing at the Waldorf and Hyattsville sites "giving a better handle of who has it." He said, "We are better prepared than before," with "some success at flattening the curve."

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What Goes On

Previously scheduled Council Worksession with Greenbelt East Advisory Coalition on June 1 has been cancelled. All meetings are virtual. See the meetings calendar at greenbeltnmd.gov for agendas and information on public participation in these meetings.



PHOTO COURTESY THE FAMILY

Ellen Davis of Hillside celebrates her birthday with a violin concert just for her, with son John Davis and daughter-in-law Danielle Walter-Davis joining in the fun. See story, page 12.

Committee's Tough Decision Cancels Labor Day Festival

by Gary Childs

The Greenbelt Labor Day Festival has been a mainstay of the community and its core Festival event since 1955 when it was first started as a way to raise funds to build a youth center. This past week, the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee announced that it had decided it would be necessary to cancel this year's Festival, which would have been the 66th. On its website (greenbeltlaborday.com) the committee said it had "made the difficult decision to cancel the in-person Festival," and that it will be "working on virtualizing as much of our favorite activities as possible."

Linda Ivy, committee chairperson, explained that putting on a Festival requires county permits which would require Prince George's County to be currently at phase three of the Maryland recovery plan. As of

now the county is still officially closed and is only moving toward a modified phase one re-opening.

Ivy said that the committee's decision "did not come easy and we are sad that for the first time in 66 years there will not be a Festival." The committee considered many issues including getting permits on time, allowing for appropriate social distancing and the committee's ability to earn enough money from this year's Festival to be able to put on one in 2021, since each year's Festival is funded by proceeds from the year before.

Ivy said that the group was in the very early stages of figuring out how to do many annual Festival events on a virtual basis and would announce its plans for a modified Festival over the coming weeks.



Greenbelt Rec Offers Vibrant Virtual Summer Arts Classes

by Nicole DeWald and Chris Cherry

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A wealth of creative art experiences will be at community members' fingertips this summer, as popular teaching artists lead a full slate of Greenbelt Recreation classes online. In lieu of the traditional quarterly activity guide, patrons can view the Summer Arts Classes Guide available on the Greenbelt Virtual Recreation Center: greenbeltnmd.gov/recreation.

Summer class registration will open for Greenbelt residents on June 1, and for non-residents on June 3. Registration will be accepted online through RecLink and by email; Greenbelt Recreation business offices are currently closed to walk-in business. For additional information, patrons may call 301-397-2200.

Classes will be available for infants through adults, including family programs to enjoy together. Classes will include live instruction or check-ins on Zoom. Some classes will also include original pre-recorded videos and several will provide supply kits. The summer session will extend from June 15 to August 14. Within that timeframe, individual programs will vary in length from

stand-alone activities to extended classes meeting weekly.

The bountiful schedule of summer arts classes follows a spring season of rapid innovation in response to the pandemic. Working with senior arts staff and eager instructors, class programmers Angella Foster, Lisa Pellitiere and Amanda Larsen have developed several new ways of

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PHOTO BY RACQUEL KELLER

Valerie Orlando, a Plein Air Painting student, practices under the watchful eye of her instructor, Racquel Keller.

Letters to the Editor

Transplant Triumphs

Irwin ‘Irv’ Wartell’s phone call came a bolt out of a beautiful blue sky: he had received his kidney transplant! I’m a kidney transplant recipient myself, I know what a stunning deliverance this is. Irv’s voice was completely different from the one I had grown accustomed to: fighting depression, relentless anxiety, the weakness brought on by the endless regimen of dialysis. That, plus the bitter frustration related to a transplant system that forces the patient to somehow also become their own PR firm, in competition with everyone else. First, one leaps the hurdles required to qualify for a transplant listing. That’s how it is. See the picture [in the May 21 issue of the News Review] of Irv standing next to the sign on his car, a plea for life.

Irv’s a changed man. A time-worn phrase, but astoundingly real. He told me once all he wanted was to get back to work! Wanting to get back to a busy life!

Sue Krofchik hit all the salient points in her article about Irv. A patient on dialysis lives what I call a twilight existence: alive, but chained to a rigorous schedule, three days a week. It dominates your time, five days a week, while your body recovers somewhat from the previous day’s all-day treatment. It’s all-too-easy to feel your day will never come. When I stop to think of what we both received, I’m euphoric all over again.

Perhaps most important of all, we do not achieve these blessings on our own. For me? It was my ever-present dear J Davis, also my family and friends. Someone has to look after you for several weeks, 24/7, post-release from the hospital. J took me to three of my four trips, mostly late at night. I had to endure being in hospitals for an imminent transplant that had to be cancelled at the last moment for medical reasons. Irv said when that call came at 5 p.m., he instantly forgot all the stuff he had wanted to bring to the hospital, where you will spend (typically) the next five to seven days after surgery. I laughed out loud when he told me this: that reaction to The Call is so universal. I know Irv had steadfast support too.

I want to take this opportunity to give a shout-out to a marvelous support group: Transplant Recipients International Organization (TRIO). The Maryland Chapter (triomaryland.org, also on Facebook) was started by Marty Mar- en, recipient of a liver transplant over 10 years ago. Marty is quite open about all-things-transplant. He volunteers weekly at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore; he walked into my room during a subsequent illness. I attended one meeting of TRIO last fall, before COVID-19 erupted. A transformative experience: in a conference room with others who had had heart, liver, pancreas, lung(s) and kidney transplants.

Irv repeated several times to me, “Tell people to never give up. Never. In your worst moments, press ahead. Your Day will come!”



I’ll see you some time, Irwin Wartell, at a yard sale somewhere in Greenbelt? Keeping socially distant, mask on. All the best, Irv!

Neil Williamson

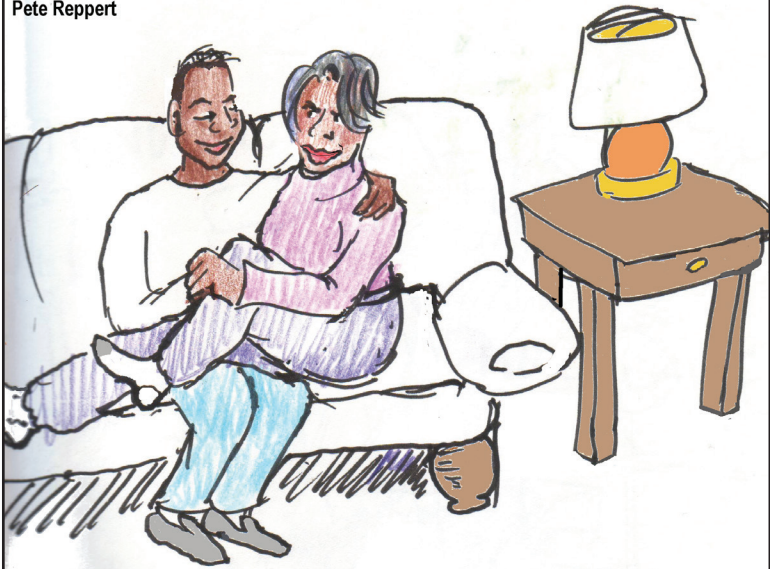
Squirrels and Turtles And Deer, Oh My!

This letter is inspired by the amazing local wildlife photos that appear in the News Review on a weekly basis. I am writing to express long-held gratitude to the City of Greenbelt, its government, public works, voters and residents, for keeping Greenbelt wooded enough that it remains welcoming to the many songbirds, waterfowl, turtles, foxes, groundhogs, bea-

vers, snakes, butterflies, frogs, rabbits, hummingbirds, muskrats, fish, praying mantises, occasional black squirrel, herons, woodpeckers, deer, hawks and wildflowers I have sighted over the years. Where other cities have yielded to over-eager developers (I grew up in one) who produce paved flood zones and proverbial silent springs, over its 80 years Greenbelt has kept the birds chirping (even at dawn on Sunday mornings, yes) and bees buzzing – I’m sure only with constant vigilance. Especially at this time, when our field of vision must remain local in order to keep COVID at bay, it’s so nice to be able to see natural beauty just steps away from the house.

A satisfied reader,
Nicole Hudgins

Pete Reppert



DR. FAUCI SAID "STAY IN." I ADDED THE "MY LAP" PART.

Correction

In the newspaper of May 21, we stated that the SNAP program was starting again at the Farmers Market but without a \$10 match that had previously been given. This is incorrect. The Farmers Market will continue to make the \$10 match from money remaining from last year until the funding is exhausted. They are optimistic that additional funding may be secured in the future months.

Send Us Your High Resolution Photos!

The News Review encourages readers to send in photos of Greenbelt landmarks, activities and the changing seasons. Photos should be at least 300 dpi, and must include the name of the photographer and a caption. The caption must name any identifiable people in the photo, as well as explain the picture.

If you are sending photos from your phone, please choose the option to send "actual size", or upload the photos to your computer first and then email the photos at full size. Send photos to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



- ☒ I have mailed my ballot!
- ☒ I have completed my census

Memorial Day at Home



PHOTO BY ELLIE TWEDT

Greenbelter Avery Twedt spends Memorial Day hiking at the Patuxent Wildlife Refuge.



PHOTO BY KEN LOO

Emily Loo celebrates Memorial Day at home.

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PGCPS Parents Suggest Safe Traditional Graduation Ideas

by Lisa Lake

A group of Prince George’s County Public Schools (PGCPS) parents submitted a proposal on May 19 to Chief Executive Officer Dr. Monica Goldson to hold traditional graduation ceremonies for the PGCPS class of 2020. The ceremonies would happen in July at FedExField or another outdoor venue that allows for ample social distancing.

The proposal details how a venue as large as FedExField, or no smaller than a stadium with a capacity of around 3,000, could safely accommodate graduates and a limited number of guests from individual high schools. It factors in social distancing of no less than six feet – for parking, entry, seating, processions and exit – and details other safety measures such as guest limitations (including a no-guest op-

tion), masks and sanitation. The separate ceremonies for all 31 PGCPS high schools would take place in mid- through late-July and would be contingent upon a decline in COVID-19 numbers and what the county’s decision will be about openings and activities at that time. The ceremonies would be held in addition to the May 30 virtual ceremony.

Backers of the proposal say a traditional high school graduation ceremony is “a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity” for people, adding, “Most of us have had that one moment in time when our names are called as we walk across the stage and transition to adulthood. This endeavor represents a commitment to giving our students that same milestone and sense of accomplishment in a way that matches a traditional ceremony as

closely as possible during these unprecedented times.” Meanwhile, many Greenbelt residents oppose the idea, arguing that COVID-19 numbers remain high and the risk would still be too great for July ceremonies.

Given the tight time frame, supporters are asking Goldson to immediately take preliminary steps to see if the idea is feasible and desirable. The proposal urges Goldson to ask FedExField’s ownership and management if they would donate the field and staff necessary for these ceremonies, and to survey graduates and parents to get their thoughts about the idea. Goldson said she is reviewing this plan and other ideas to recognize the county’s high school graduates.

GHI Allows for Fee Deferrals During the COVID Pandemic

by the GHI Communications Committee

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc., (GHI) board of directors recognizes that some of our members may be experiencing income loss and other financial stresses during the COVID-19 pandemic. The board has created a policy to help members who are temporarily affected without causing any negative impact to the GHI membership as a whole.

The GHI emergency fee deferral program provides for up to four months of deferred payment of cooperative fees for eligible members. Members in need of

assistance will meet with the GHI finance department to work out a repayment plan for the deferred fees. Repayment will not be requested prior to January 2021.

A member may apply for the fee deferral program by submitting to the GHI finance office documentation of a strong adverse financial effect on the member as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and completing an application stating the member’s desire to participate in the fee deferral program signed by all members on the mutual own-

ership contract. These documents may be submitted by email or U.S. mail. GHI staff will review the documentation and discuss the request with the member. All fee deferrals must be fully repaid if a new share loan is made, the unit is sold or a new person is added to the mutual ownership contract.

See the GHI website at ghi.coop for more information and to download the application for the fee deferral program. For questions, call the GHI finance office at 301-474-4161.

Community Events

Arts Advisory Board Meets Online June 2

The Greenbelt Arts Advisory Board will meet over Zoom at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2. Discussion topics will include: a potential gift of artwork for the Municipal Building, designs for bike racks as part of the city’s memorialization program and planning for a possible fall virtual event for arts educators. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to email ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov to request meeting access information, or call 301-474-8000 Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Tea Time on Zoom

The Greenbelt Community Tea continues to meet weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. for a purely social time, to help counteract cabin fever and to get to know your neighbors. Participants talk about anything and everything. Make a cup of tea and hop onto Zoom.

Find the group on Facebook at facebook.com/pg/greenbelttimebank/events. The Facebook event includes the link to the Zoom call. Those not on Facebook can email greenbelt.timebank@gmail.com to request the Zoom link.

The Community Tea is not a Greenbelt Time Bank event, but they are offering their resources to make this successful.

Virtual Recreation

Greenbelt Recreation has moved online. Go to greenbeltmd.gov/recreation to access a large range of online activities, including classes, video tutorials, sing-alongs and more. Art activities can be accessed in the Visual Arts section of the Virtual Recreation Center. These activities include spring coloring pages, an origami lily tutorial, a look at flower-wearing around the world and art projects inspired by contemporary artist Kehinde Wiley.

Flick of the Week Film Discussion

The Old Greenbelt Theatre hosts film discussions via Zoom every Sunday at 2 p.m. On Sunday, May 31, the film discussion will be Instructions Not Included (2013, 100 minutes, PG-13, Spanish with English Subtitles), selected by OGT staff member Kelly McLaughlin. To view the film ahead of the discussion, find links to the film online at greenbelttheatre.org/film/flick-of-the-week/.

Go to greenbelttheatre.org/film/flick-of-the-week/ to register for the film discussion to receive information on how to access the Zoom call. Those without internet access can participate in the film discussion via phone. Call McLaughlin at 301-329-2034 to request access information.

Local Visual Artists Virtual Studio Tour

Visual artists are invited to participate in a Virtual Open Studio Tour at the June 7 Artful Afternoon. Participants will be scheduled to host a brief home/studio visit live online. The tour will feature adult artists who live, work, study or play in Greenbelt, including but not limited to the Community Center’s artists in residence. Artists are encouraged to sign up early for more information at greenbeltmd.gov/arts.

City of Greenbelt arts programs are sponsored in part by the Maryland State Arts Council.

Instructions Not Included

Valentin (Eugenio Derbez) is Acapulco’s resident playboy, until a former fling leaves a baby on his doorstep and takes off without a trace. Valentin leaves Mexico for Los Angeles to find the baby’s mother, but only ends up finding a new home for himself and his newfound daughter, Maggie (Loreto Peralta). As Valentin raises Maggie, she forces him to grow up too. But their unique and offbeat family is threatened when Maggie’s birth mom shows up out of the blue, and Valentin realizes he’s in danger of losing his daughter – and his best friend.

Community Compost

The hot compost station near Springhill Lake Recreation Center is still actively collecting food scraps from current participants.

Email questions to greenbeltneighborhoodcompost@gmail.com.

Toastmasters Meet Online Wednesdays

The Greenbelt Toastmasters Club has gone virtual. Those interested in improving communication or leadership skills are invited to join online or by phone every first, third and fifth Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Find details for joining in remotely at greenbelt.toastmastersclubs.org.

Virtual Programs At the Library

All of the Prince George’s County Memorial Library System’s virtual programs are listed at pgcmpls.info/virtual-events. Virtual events produced by the library are broadcast on Crowdcast, with select additional streams to Facebook, YouTube and Periscope.

The library’s virtual programs frequently feature special guests from partner organizations.

Spanish language virtual programs are now available on a weekly basis. They include Bilibionños, a biweekly Spanish read-aloud program for children ages 2 to 5, and a bilingual English/Spanish read-aloud on Saturday at 9:30 a.m.

On Tuesdays at 4 p.m. the library offers a weekly “Café a las cuatro” series of discussions in Spanish with special guests from local government to discuss resources and current issues.



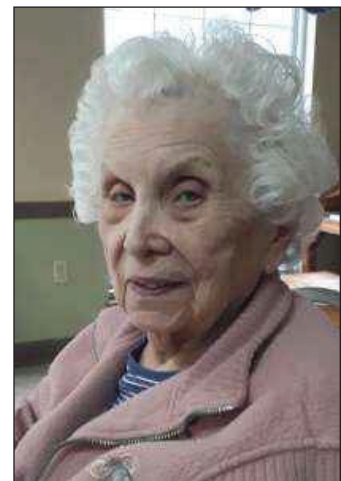
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Pileated woodpeckers nest in the forest preserve, another great example of the nature preserve function of the forest.

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9 am	GATe Classic Film ★ Agatha Christie Mystery • 1945	• And Then There Were None • Directed by René Clair
11 am	Greenbelt Newsreel	• or Selections From the GATe Archive
SAT/SUN	Member Spotlight • GATe Community Producers John Campanile • William Powell	
12 pm	Democracy Now!	• Today's Program • Independent News
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Obituaries

Irene Fishman Siegel



Irene Fishman Siegel

Irene Fishman Siegel, social activist, teacher, mother and beloved wife of Bernard “Bernie” (who died in 2015), died of COVID-19 on Friday, May 22, at Holy Cross Hospital. Nick, Irene’s significant other during the three years she lived at Arden Courts in Silver Spring, predeceased her by a couple of days, also from COVID-19. She was 91.

Born in 1929 to David and Eta (nee Goldseker) Fishman, Irene grew up in Baltimore, where she graduated from Forest Park High School. She went on to be the first in her family to earn a bachelor’s degree. She graduated from the University of Maryland in 1951, majoring in business education. Upon graduation she accepted a full-time teaching position at her alma mater Forest Park High School in shorthand, typing, bookkeeping, junior business training and office machines. She interrupted her teaching career to raise three children. She resumed her teaching career, first at Catholic High School in Baltimore and later as an instructor at Villa Julie College (now Stevenson University).

The central themes of Irene’s life were pride in her Jewish identity and dedication to family. Irene was the essential cog in maintaining the cohesion of the survivors of the extended Fishman-Goldseker clan who fled death and persecution in Europe. She was the keeper of the family history for many years, organizer of reunions, bridge to family members in Israel and helped document the Fishman-Goldseker families’ history in Mlynov, Poland (now western Ukraine).

Irene’s dedication to family

fueled her and Bernie’s interest in genealogy and after extensive research they were able to construct a family tree dating back generations. This included identifying and reestablishing a connection with family members in various countries who had lost contact with the family when they fled Europe nearly a century earlier.

Always central to Bernie and Irene was their love of Israel and the Jewish people. Active throughout their lives as members of Chizuk Amuno Synagogue, serving in leadership positions in the Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Couples Club, Hatikvah Club and Adult Education programs. Bernie and Irene donated Torah scrolls and Magilot to synagogues and schools. They contributed generously to many Jewish and Israeli charities, including the Jewish National Fund (JNF), Yemin Orde Orphanage (Israel), Naamat, Hadassah and Friends of Ben-Gurion University. Volunteering in Israel during the Gulf War of 1991, they actively worked on the civilian front. When not focused on family and the Jewish community, Bernie and Irene were tireless activists for social justice causes in their community, country and around the world.

Irene met Bernie during a stroll in Druid Hill Park in Baltimore on Yom Kippur in 1948. She married the love of her life in 1951. They had three children together: Paul, Marc and Yoni. Bernie and Irene were absolutely inseparable throughout their 64 years together. Always active, they traveled the world together, visiting Israel 25 times and attending numerous elder hostels.

Irene will be remembered for her never-ending willingness to give of herself and help others. Irene was always ready to lend a helping hand and fight for justice. She attended events at Mishkan Torah and also sometimes attended activities held at the Community Center.

She is survived by her children, Paul Bennett Siegel of Costa Rica; Marc Howard Siegel (Linda Zangwill) of Encinitas, Calif., and Yoni Siegel of Greenbelt; her grandchildren, Dahlia (Preston) Canter of Kirkland, Wash., Maya Siegel of Seattle, Wash., and Emma Siegel of Austin, Texas; and her great-granddaughter, Marni (Dahlia and Preston). She is also survived by her older sister Selma Bacher.

Clement Chu-Sing Lau



Clement Lau

Clement Chu-Sing Lau, 62, died on May 24 after a 3-year battle with cancer. His life was defined by his devotion to family, his respect for education and his willingness to volunteer time and

resources for others.

Clement was born in Hong Kong where he was the eldest of seven. In his youth, Clement developed a love for sports and an appreciation for hard work. He was an enthusiastic martial artist and loved to tell others that his Kung Fu sifu (teacher) was from the same family as Bruce Lee’s sifu, the famous Ip Man.

He valued education highly and was the first of his family to attend university. He earned a bachelor’s degree in library science with a minor in Chinese history from the National University Taiwan in Taipei, Taiwan. It was in Taiwan he made lifelong friends that are now all over the world and met his future wife Lee Jong (June) Teo. The couple married in 1984 and their daughter Jou Waih (Jill) was born in 1987.

Clement learned English early in life and, after working as a language instructor and interpreter for the U.S. Department of State in Taiwan, moved his wife and daughter to the U.S. in 1988. His son Jou Hou (Joseph) was born in 1989. Clement quickly found work as a librarian at the

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We were sorry to learn of the death on May 20 of Pat Carriere, a Greenbelt native who participated in many Greenbelt activities, including Holy Cross Lutheran Church, even though she had moved to Beltsville.

Our sympathies go to the family and friends of Clement Lau, who died on May 24 after decades of contributing to many aspects of this community.

Our condolences also to Yoni Siegel on the death of her mother, Irene Fishman Siegel, a longtime social justice activist.

Three cheers for Natalia Rincon who is this year’s David Craig Memorial Scholarship, winner, excelling both in sports and academics in school and participating whole-heartedly in community programs.

Congratulations to this year’s ACE Educator Award recipients. A video of the virtual award ceremony can be seen here: <https://youtu.be/c6NlwCzsnfI>.

Share your accomplishments, milestones and news in the Our Neighbors column. Send details of your news items to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



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Colossians 3:14



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"However difficult matters are at present, and however close to the limits of their endurance some sections of societies are brought, humanity will ultimately pass through this ordeal, and it will emerge on the other side with greater insight and with a deeper appreciation of its inherent oneness and interdependence." (Universal House of Justice, March 2020)

Greenbelt Bahá'í Community

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City Notes

For Memorial Day, Horticulture/Parks beautified the Veterans Memorial and the Turner and Walker Cemeteries. Due to the Animal Shelter closure, all animals are in foster homes.

At the Virtual Recreation Center, special events and new content for all ages and interests are being added regularly by recreation, dance and arts staff and community groups. Center arts staff offered curbside pickup to the 90-plus winter session creators of the ceramics that were fired during the closure. Therapeutic Recreation staff developed virtual field trips and activities, and Sergeant Rose and recreation staff delivered meals to 30 seniors.

Community Center staff hosted a phone system upgrade and provided training to Greenbelt Inter-generational Volunteer Exchange Service (GIVES).

Park Rangers estimate that 70 percent of park visitors wear face coverings. In a welcome tent, rangers greeted Buddy Attick Park weekend guests and shared and explained rules for park use.

CARES’s Judy Hering is hosting an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) class on the CARES virtual education site.

Baseball and Reading At the Virtual Library

The 2019 World Series Champion Washington Nationals and Prince George’s County Memorial Library System (PGCMLS) are proud to provide creative ways for Prince Georgians to stay connected with baseball and reading this summer. The Nationals and PGCMLS are partnering to present Imagine Your Story, a virtual Summer @ Your Library (S@YL) program in English and Spanish for all ages that runs through August 21. Imagine Your Story is the first online-only summer reading and engagement program in the history of the PGCMLS, ensuring that all Prince Georgians can safely engage with the Library and the beloved hometown baseball team as the community recovers from the public health emergency.

The Washington Nationals are generously making a wide range of online content available for Prince Georgians through S@YL with the PGCMLS:

Reading Activities: Storytime with the World Series Champs, Reading Activities in English and Spanish, and Books for Adult Nats Fans videos; Summer Slugger Math & Literacy: Activities for 4th and 5th Graders; Home and Away with the Washington Nationals: STEM, Exercise and Reading Activities.

Storytelling in ASL Crowdcast Saturdays

The Prince George’s County Memorial Library System, in partnership with the Old Greenbelt Theatre, offers Storytelling with ASL (American Sign Language) hosted by Erikson Young on Saturdays at 10:30 a.m. on Crowdcast. The virtual program, recommended for ages 2 to 5, will continue for the duration of the public health emergency.

Go to pgcmls.info/virtual-events to find the link on Saturday mornings.



City Information & Events

The strength of Greenbelt is diverse people living together in a spirit of cooperation. We celebrate all people. By sharing together all are enriched. We strive to be a respectful, welcoming community that is open, accessible, safe and fair.

UPCOMING VIRTUAL MEETINGS

Monday, June 1 at 8:30am **COUNCIL WORK SESSION w/GEAC.** Virtual meeting **CANCELLED** on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming at www.greenbeltmd.gov/municipaltv

Tuesday June 2 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD.** *On the Agenda: potential gift of artwork for the Greenbelt Municipal Building; designs for bike racks as part of the city’s memorialization program; and planning for a possible fall virtual event for arts educators. Members of the public who wish to attend are asked to please email ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov to request meeting access information, or call 301-474-8000 Monday through Friday, 8:30am - 4:30pm.*

Wednesday June 3 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD,** *On the Agenda: Greenbelt NCO Zone, Pedestrian and Bicyclist Master Plan Update, Election of Vice-Chair*

ZOOM MEETING INFORMATION IS POSTED ON THE MEETINGS CALENDAR WWW.GREENBELTMD.GOV



Greenbelt Emergency Diaper Pick-Up

Need help with diapers? In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, The Greenbelt Nursery Project is supporting needy Greenbelt families by distributing diapers on Monday, June 1st, 2020. Parents are **required** to bring state-issued photo ID, each child’s birth certificate, proof of Greenbelt residency (mail from a federal, state, or local government agency which display their name and Greenbelt residential address).

No walk-ups accepted. Please register online at <https://forms.gle/yNrDyTkngkK1s5wx6>. Registration required. Time and location given upon submitted registration.



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The Greenbelt Assistance in Living (GAIL) Program is launching a pilot program for 50 seniors 60+ or disabled adults 50+ living in incorporated Greenbelt to provide:

- Free Comcast Internet Essentials for one year
- Amazon Echo Show to link residents with family and friends, classes, music and more.

Households must have a smart phone not a flip phone and participate in one of the following to enroll:

SNAP—Food Stamps, Section 8 Housing, Medicaid, SSI, or Veterans Pension Recipient

For more information please contact Sharon Johnson, Community Case Manager at 240-542-2029 soon as possible. Space is limited.

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups. There are currently vacancies on: Arts Advisory Board, Board of Elections, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Youth Advisory Committee

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Visit our Virtual Recreation Center at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation

Happy Anniversary, Greenbelt!

Greenbelt Day Weekend 2020 may look a little different this year, but this city is 82 years strong. Celebrate with us June 5-7 with a full weekend lineup!



Get a head start on the celebration!

Instagram Photo Contest: Post a photo of you in your FAVORITE place in Greenbelt using #GreenbeltDayWeekend + #GreenbeltFavorite. Follow CityofGreenbelt on Instagram! One random entry will win a special Celebrate Greenbelt prize basket!

Living Picture Gallery: Create a “tableau vivant”! Recreate images from art history - as faithfully as possible, or with your own unique spin! Use household materials creatively to make costumes, props and sets. They can be as simple or complex as you like - no special skills or materials needed. For inspiration, images will be posted next week of artwork and graphic design from the era of Greenbelt’s founding. Participants are also welcome to choose another artwork that speaks to what you enjoy about life in Greenbelt. Send your photos to ndewald@greenbeltmd.gov by Sunday, June 7 to share on social media; please include both an image of the picture that inspired you (noting the title and artist’s name), and the image of your own interpretation.



"The Writing Lesson" by Georges Claude and "The Distance Learning" by the Shufkov family

Friday, June 5

- Greenbelt Flag and City Seal: Coloring pages will be available for download.
- Performance Spotlight: Here To Stay: The Music Of The Greenbelt Pioneers video link will be posted at www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation; view at your leisure.

Saturday, June 6

- Performance Spotlight: Greenbelt S.I.T.Y. Stars
- Eleanor Roosevelt Word Find, provided by the Greenbelt Museum: will be available for download.
- Film Spotlight: Historic Maryland: Greenbelt by Courtney Coombs at Riderwood TV. Video link will be posted here; view at your leisure.
- Instagram Contest: remember to post your photos by June 7 to be eligible for a prize drawing! See details above.

Sunday, June 7: An Artful Afternoon

- Community Bear Hug: Enjoy a suite of bear-themed arts for all ages, including a story, an introduction to spring Bear Dances, drawing activities, a stuffed bear sewing project, and a guide to “Bear Hunt” sightings in windows around Greenbelt! Activities will be posted on the Events Calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/virtualrecreation
- Living Picture Gallery: remember to send in your tableaux vivant images for sharing on social media! See information above.

Greenbelt Virtual Open Studio Tour Artful Afternoon Sunday, June 7 from 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM, VIRTUAL



Greenbelt Virtual Open Studio Tour Sunday, June 7, 1:00pm-4:00pm Click here for the artists' schedule

Creativity is flourishing this spring! From 1-4pm, visit the workspaces of artists who live or work in Greenbelt and see the beautiful work they have been making. Artists will host 15-minute visits on Instagram Live using their individual pages which are linked on the events calendar at www.greenbeltmd.gov/virtualrecreation. Guests will need an Instagram account in order to participate. If you don’t already have an account, you can set one up in advance for free. Recorded videos will be available to view for 24 hours on the artists’ Instagram pages, and in some cases, also on their Facebook pages (account required). Online shopping and personal video appointments are available with several participating artists.

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GOOD SAMARITAN FUND TO ASSIST ST. HUGH’S FOOD PANTRY: This fund is overseen by the Greenbelt Interfaith Leadership Association (GILA). The St. Hugh Food Pantry will also take food donations that are dropped outside of the church office at 135 Crescent Road. Thank you so much for your help!

EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND: Established to accept and disburse donations received to assist Greenbelt residents to pay rent to avoid possible eviction. Approximately a dozen individuals received assistance from these funds each fiscal year.

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Obituaries continued

University of Maryland (UMD) and as a Cantonese instructor, all while completing his first master's degree. In total, he earned five master's degrees from UMD and multiple specialty certificates. His belief in the importance of education never flagged as he continued to take classes for as long as his health allowed.

His work ethic and commitment to education positioned Clement for career advancement. After working in a variety of positions at Maryland, Clement moved to Trinity Washington University in Washington, D.C., where he became head of technical services at the Sister Helen Sheehan Library. From Trinity, he proceeded to become the associate director for technical services and administration at the University of Baltimore Law Library where he spent the bulk of his career. At UB and later, Clement mentored and looked out for visiting Chinese law exchange students – many of whom became lifelong friends. He truly believed in the American Dream and wanted to assist others in their own immigrant experience and guide when needed.

Clement spent an unenviable number of hours working, but what he really loved was to volunteer in and around Greenbelt, where he was a resident for close to 30 years. He volunteered with Greenbelt's Advisory Committee on Education, the Park and Recreation Advisory Board, the Greenbelt Internet Access Cooperative, the Greenbelt Swim Team and Aquatic Boosters Club, the Greenbelt Community Emergency Response Team, the Historical Society and at the Greenbelt Library. He was a fixture at the swimming pool and at the Labor Day Festival. Greenbelt Swim Team members will always remember how as meet manager, he tenaciously ran the summer swim meets while June worked as a timer and in concessions.

Eventually, Clement felt obligated to leave his position at

the University of Baltimore in order to help care for his aging parents. He secured a position as associate university librarian at Hong Kong Baptist University in 2014. For the next two years, Clement had a major impact on the library's operations and enjoyed once again living near his siblings and parents.

In 2016, Clement returned to the U.S. to become associate dean of libraries at Georgia Southern University. He was diagnosed with kidney cancer in 2017. The development of the cancer, necessity of operations and desire to be closer to family forced him to retire in 2019. Having worked tirelessly from the age of 10, Clement struggled to be without work. He had spent his life working above and beyond his expected responsibilities while caring for others, and suddenly he had to learn how to focus on himself. He was fortunate to have the support of his family and close friends.

Clement is survived by his parents, Lau Hia and Yuen Oi Hung, his six siblings in Hong Kong, his wife June, two children – Jill (Daniel) of Greenbelt and Joseph – and his grandson Jet.

The family is dedicating a memorial tree in Greenbelt in his memory and memorial donations in Clement's honor can be made to the American Cancer Society via their Mosaic Page (main.acsevents.org/goto/CS_Lau) to further cancer research and help others fighting cancer.

Patricia (Pat) Carriere

Patricia Carriere died on Wednesday, May 20, 2020, of a sudden cardiac event unrelated to COVID-19. Pat grew up in Greenbelt, lived in Beltsville and participated in Greenbelt activities, including being an active member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Her family will have a memorial service at a future date when it is safe to travel and gather together.

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coordinator, collaborated with Greenbelt American Legion representatives to produce a virtual Memorial Day program. "The City of Greenbelt and Greenbelt City Council thought that it was of utmost importance to honor all our heroes that have lost their lives protecting our country," said Palau. "We reached out to the Greenbelt American Legion and they helped immensely in putting the service together. It was an honor to work with them."

The American Legion provided archival images of past Memorial Day services and scheduled Zoom time to record the Legion's speaker. Palau's program also captured a recording of council reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Colin Byrd, in company with councilmembers, addressing the community. The program may be seen at youtu.be/wdEaQW0iIT4.

Greg Gigliotti, Greenbelt American Legion Post 136 commander, addressed the community about the importance of Memorial Day. Adhering to COVID-19 distancing requirements, Gigliotti video-taped his remarks. He recalled military heroes who died in past conflicts such as 20-year-old Navy Corpsman James Williams, who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his efforts trying to save wounded Marines at Iwo Jima. He recalled Marine Corporal Jason Durham who was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his courageous action falling on a grenade to save fellow Marines during the conflict in Iraq.

Gigliotti said that approximately one million men and women of the U.S. military have lost their lives through enemy fire or disease since the founding of our republic. He said those men and women could have opted for safer choices in their lives, but they chose to defend America when they were needed.

Gigliotti said that as we honor those in the military who died, we should also honor those who have lost their lives to protect us and keep our country going during this pandemic. In his commentary Gigliotti acknowledged



From left, retired Air Force Col. George Ryan, coordinator of the ERHS Air Force JROTC program; Greenbelt American Legion Adjutant Mike Moore; and retired Air Force Chaplain (Col.) Monsignor Karl Chimiak speak with an unnamed retired Marine Corps master sergeant at last year's Greenbelt Memorial Day Commemoration.

- Photos by Butch Hicks



From left, Barbara Ruppert of Kensington joins friends Mary Hooper, Janette West and Bea McCarthy at the 2019 Greenbelt Memorial Day commemoration. McCarthy reminds all to "honor our vets for their service." These photos were shown as part of a slideshow during this year's virtual event.



service members, medical professionals and workers who had died from COVID-19.

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Send us your stories and photos, showing what you are doing during forced time at home. We will publish a selection of these submissions during the coming weeks. Email editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.



A white fringetree blooms at Schrom Hills Park.

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Due to the evolving COVID-19 pandemic and our state Governor's recommendations, our business hours have been modified.

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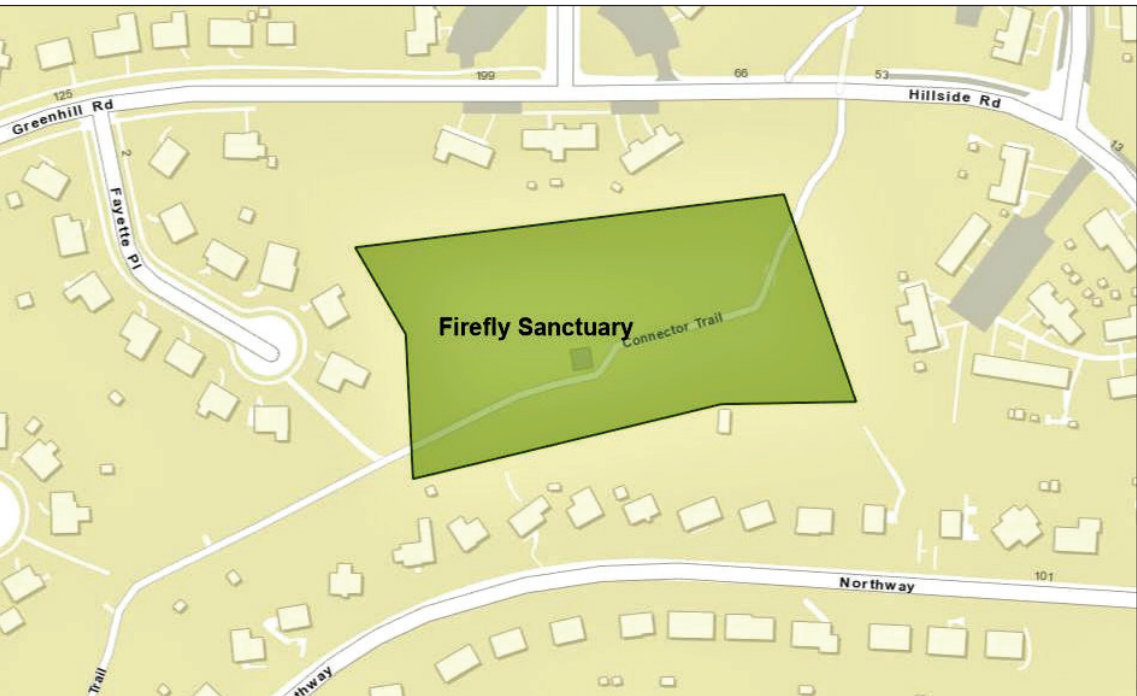
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Greenbelt FCU

New Sanctuary Established For Vulnerable Fireflies

by Amy Carpenter-Driscoll



Map of area included in the firefly sanctuary

When days are hot and muggy in Maryland and the sun sets late in the evening, dusk brings out a fantastic winged beetle that has enchanted children and adults alike every summer for ages: the firefly. Indeed, fireflies are a hallmark of early summer in our state, charmingly emitting soft flashes of light in the woods, fields and yards as they send signals to one another.

However, firefly populations are increasingly at risk. A study published in the February 2020 issue of BioScience, entitled A Global Perspective on Firefly Extinction Threats, finds that the consensus among firefly experts is that firefly populations are threatened across the globe by multiple factors, including habitat loss, light pollution and pesticide use. The experts also identified drought, extreme temperatures and flooding as significant threats widely attributed to global climate change. Residential and commercial development chip away at the firefly’s native habitat, while artificial light at night confuses the insects and interrupts their signaling.

A group of Greenbelt residents have taken it upon themselves to preserve a parcel of land as a designated habitat to help protect fireflies. Mary Ann Canter, a Greenbelt resident of 20 years, enjoys seeing the fireflies along the pathway that winds through Stream Valley Park. “I’ve been enjoying the fireflies for 20 years that I’ve lived here,” she says. “But there was a project proposed for the area. And I realized all at once that it could be developed in some way.”

The city operates this approximate four-acre area, which currently is a mowed space with a paved pathway lined by a small basketball court, benches and a stream that underwent restoration in 2011. “It was a spontaneous thing,” Canter says of her idea for a firefly sanctuary. I thought, “Oh, they could develop this land and then I wouldn’t be able to see them anymore.” She understood fireflies’ need for protection. “They have sanctuaries for animals. Why can’t we have a sanctuary for the fireflies?” Canter created a Firefly Sanctuary Committee, along with neighbors who are equally passionate about firefly conservation. The

Greenbelt City Council approved the group’s proposal for a firefly sanctuary on March 10, 2020.

The firefly sanctuary will provide protected habitat in which local populations of fireflies can thrive. There are limited overhead lights in the immediate area, restricting the amount of artificial light at night that contributes to harmful light pollution. Public Works will leave a 10-foot buffer of grasses along the wood line and mow only once a year. Fireflies rely on grasses throughout their life cycle. The sanctuary

precludes current or future use of pesticides and herbicides. Both entrances to the area will have interpretive signage, providing education about the importance of fireflies and what the sanctuary provides.

Canter hopes the sanctuary will benefit both fireflies and the community. “I’d like to bring that kind of enjoyment of them to more people in the community. And I’d like to see them thrive, of course. They’re doing well recently, so I’d like to see that continue,” she says.



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Fireflies will continue to thrive in this area along Stream Valley Park.

Friendly Relief Calls Through The Greenbelt Time Bank

by Jane Young

My brother Jeff has Alzheimer’s and he lives alone in Nevada. Two family members bring him food and check on him weekly. I’m the only person who phones him often and he’s always glad to talk. When my husband and I planned a month-long getaway this spring I worried that Jeff would be lonely, since other family members were tepid on the idea of substituting for me. I asked Jim, a Greenbelt Time Bank (GTB) member who needed to earn hours, if he’d be interested in calling Jeff. Jim agreed to try, and after a little bit of a shaky start it worked out really well. Of course I didn’t get to take my trip but Jim continues to phone Jeff. It’s such a relief to me that Jeff has someone else to converse with. Jeff said he really enjoys Jim’s calls.

Jim said: I recently had the

pleasure of meeting my friend, Jeff, who has Alzheimer’s, when his sister Jane asked me if I could do some phone visits with him a few times per week. Jeff has a lot of interesting stories. He studied social psychology in college and has had a lot of variety in his career. He has traveled extensively both within and outside the United States. Jeff is also genuinely interested in hearing about my life and asking questions about my current successes, challenges and political views.

The GTB builds community through the equal exchange of hours. A variety of services can be offered or requested through the Time Bank. It’s fun. It’s free. It’s simple. Use your time and talents to help your neighbors and get your own needs met. Visit the webpage and sign up today at greenbelttimebank.org.

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engaging constituents. Services have ranged from on-demand video activities and downloadable tutorials to live “show and tell” sessions, workshops and classes on Zoom. Greenbelt Recreation recognizes the extraordinary contributions of all the part-time programmers and educators who have continued to provide quality instruction and maintain meaningful, supportive connections with participants during a challenging time.

Greenbelt Recreation staff also wish to thank patrons for their enthusiasm, flexibility and input during the spring “beta testing” phase of online programming. Their participation has enabled instructors to quickly gain experience with new technology and adapt their teaching methods. For example, the performing arts team needed to develop strategies for overcoming the slight time lag on Zoom that prevents students from synchronizing their actions; success was achieved through well-choreographed muting and turn taking. In some cases, teaching “experiments” have involved home delivery of art supplies. Ceramics instructor Judy Goldberg-Strassler commented, “I felt like I was delivering a pound of gold to each of the children... their reactions were all so wonderful! Each child cradled their clay with love!” Participants also have contributed by responding to surveys and attending Zoom check-ins. The digital transition of recreation programming has truly been a collaboration.

Visual arts programs will be available this summer in acrylic painting, watercolor, drawing, printmaking, polymer clay, ceramic handbuilding, ceramic sculpture and mudcloth painting. A new sewing and textile series draws its inspiration from a variety of international needlecraft traditions. Plein Air Painting will guide students in the creation of art outdoors. Several programs will be available with Racquel Keller, an artist in residence at the Community Center. One of her spring students commented: “Racquel is a masterful and relaxed teacher. Each us was able to learn at our own level. The lessons were aimed at beginners, but with plenty of content applicability to folks at all levels. I am particularly pleased to be able to, in these few short lessons, look differently and apply that to drawing and other reasons for looking!”

Dance programs will be available across the full normal range of disciplines. These include ballet, hip hop, contemporary, jazz



Baby music instructor Melissa Sites teaches on Zoom.

PHOTO BY IAN BLACKWELL ROGERS

Emmeline happily follows the Storybook Dance Theater class via Zoom with Ms. Lisa and Ms. Angella.



PHOTO BY ANA BEDFORD-DILLOW

and tap along with interdisciplinary, story-based programs for young movers. A pre-school, parent/child music series will introduce different instruments each week and ukulele instruction will continue with instructor Rachel Cross. Spring “uke” student Tammy Hurley said, “Seeing the faces of my classmates and spending time with them was something I was missing. Greenbelt Community Center made that happen.” Fellow student Sally Davies commented, “it really lifts my spirits to join everyone strumming their uke and to play joyful music with

the group each week!”

An anonymous spring Pre-School Art parent shared on their course evaluation, “I think you are doing a wonderful job adapting to this insane new environment and I really appreciate all you are doing. Greenbelt Rec is the best around. Thank you.” Recreation staff are uplifted by patrons’ kind words of encouragement, grateful for the opportunity to serve and looking forward to a rich summer session.



PHOTO BY CARA SYNDER

Residents in Boxwood Village enjoy a social distancing picnic in place of their regular annual picnic. Residents were delivered the main dishes and sides to enjoy in their own driveways.

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FOGM was represented by Museum Executive Director Megan Searing Young (a full-time city staff person), President Jennifer Ruffner and Vice President Sabrina Baron.

Young started by outlining a proposal by FOGM to create a new Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between it and the city. The existing MOU was written in 1987 when the Museum opened and, said Young, “The Greenbelt Museum has evolved a lot over that time.” Young commented that the Museum has always been in a partnership with the city since its inception in 1985, and is “not meant to be self-sustaining.”

Due to “significantly blurred lines of responsibilities,” according to the FOGM report to the city manager’s office, the forthcoming MOU proposal would more clearly delineate city operations from those of FOGM.

The education/volunteer coordinator would become a part-time city position in this new arrangement, paid for with a restricted National Endowment for the Humanities grant of \$100,000 and matched by FOGM, the amount of which would be transferred to the city. This, in addition to future proceeds from admissions and the gift shop, would render the change virtually budget neutral.

This change would consolidate daily operations to the city allowing FOGM to focus primarily on fundraising, an arrangement that jibes with common museum practices. FOGM would still employ a part-time office manager/bookkeeper to handle the nonprofit needs. The city would incorporate the museum into their regular cleaning schedule.

Though council has agreed to this new arrangement, it will still require a final vote on June 8 with the rest of the Fiscal Year 2021 budget.

The renovation plans for the

10-A Visitor Center are still in the architectural planning phase. The finished product would include exhibit space, a hands-on learning lab, an archive reading room, office space, a gift shop and a first-floor restroom and entrance. As well, FOGM, in consultation with city staff and Greenbelt Homes Inc. (GHI) technical services staff, has presented the idea of an addition on the gardenside of 10-A. Once completed, all museum records and functions would then be consolidated at 10-A and 10-B. So far, FOGM has raised \$200,000 as part of their quiet phase of a capital campaign, to be followed by a more public fundraising program. Baron was confident that the architect being used (currently from Old Line Architects) was “sensitive and creative” in his efforts to retain the historic character of the building which would be central to its purpose. Jordan was keen to make sure the renovations still maintain access to mobility-challenged visitors. These plans, when completed, would be brought to council for approval, as well as to GHI and the public.

Young said that social distancing protocol within the museum when it reopens is still being worked out, but that outdoor walking tours will certainly be continued, using online, advance admission. Yet generally, said Young, “all these changes are on the back end; the average museum visitor will likely not notice anything different once we reopen.”





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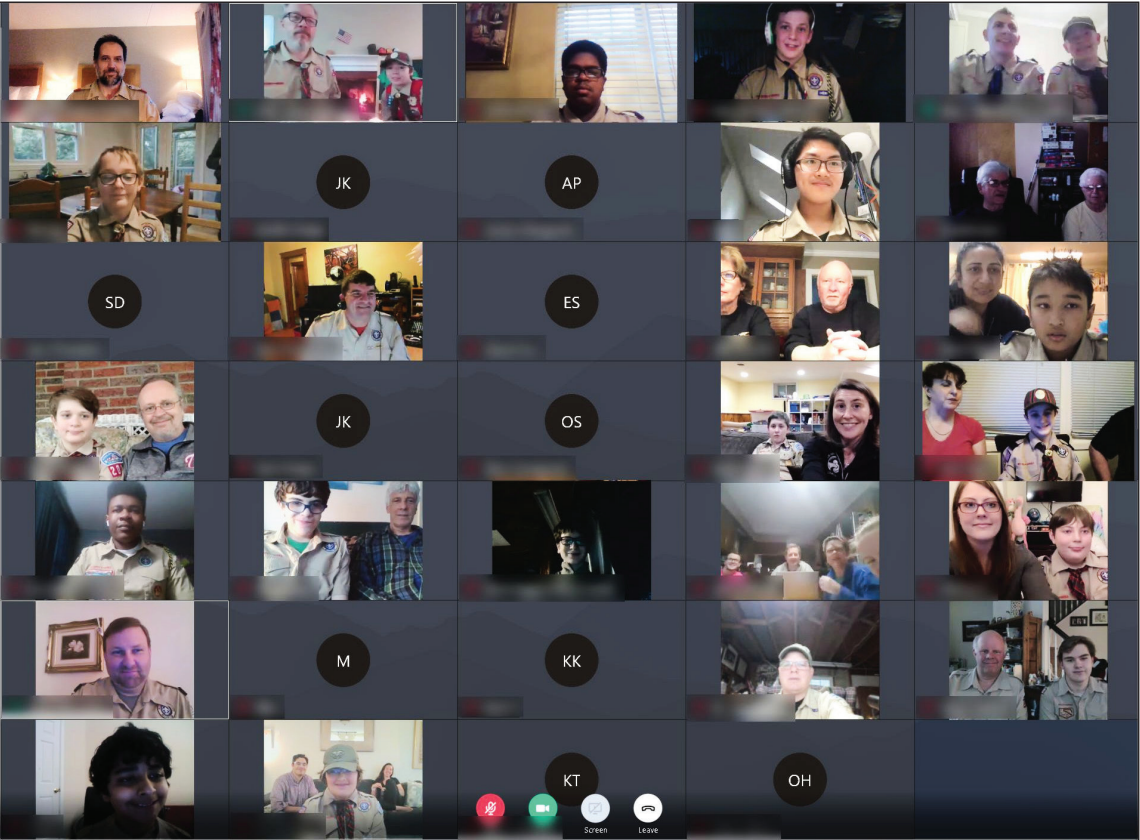
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Cub Pack 202 Graduates New Arrow of Light Boy Scouts

by Aaron Marcavitch



Scouts gather online with Scout leaders, friends and families to celebrate earning their Arrow of Light. Den Leader Andy Reeves is second from left in the first row.

Pack 202, chartered to the Greenbelt Community Church, announced that a new class of scouts have crossed over from Cub Scouts to Scouting BSA. As with so many other events this year, the crossing-over ceremony required virtual assistance. Scouts gathered around their computer screens in uniforms on Thursday, April 30, supported by their parents and families, and listened to Arrow of Light Den Leader Andy Reeves, Cubmaster Aaron Marcavitch and Scout leaders from four local troops welcome these accomplished scouts to their next major milestone.

The scouts who earned this award were (with their new Scouting BSA Troop): John Dawson (214), Marcelo Gendreau (1033), Shubh Gossain (1250), Taraksh Ojha (1033), Zach Olson (1250), Kazuki Reeves (1250), Patrick Shipley (1033), Anthony Shipp (214) and Grant Simmons (214). Each scoutmaster from each of the Scouting BSA Troops received the scouts, with representative scouts from each troop there to welcome them in.

Within Cub Scouting, the Arrow of Light is the highest rank that a scout can earn. Scouts who earn this recognition are generally around 12 years old, or in the fifth grade. Many of them have risen through the various ranks of Cub Scouting, while a couple had just joined this year. The Arrow of Light is the only award from Cub Scouting that is allowed to be worn on the Scouting BSA uniform. These scouts are known as WeBeLoS (We'll Be Loyal Scouts). Over the last 18 months they earned badges in scouting history and traditions, outdoors, STEM, cooking, first aid, hiking, physical fitness, community service and many more. They all participated in camping trips and visited local troops to find a new scout troop.

Greenbelt Pack 202 is one of the oldest chartered scout packs in Prince George's County, started shortly after Cub Scouting was developed in the 1950s. The Greenbelt Community Church has always been the home of Pack



Den Leader Andy Reeves and his son Kazuki participate in the ceremony virtually.

202. Today, this pack hosts a little over 50 families that come together each year for the Pine-wood Derby, family camping, pack meetings and fellowship. Cub Scouting is based around the stories of the Jungle Book by Rudyard Kipling. In 2018, the

pack transitioned into a “family” pack by welcoming the first female scouts in the pack’s history. Families that would like more information about Scouting BSA in Greenbelt can email Cubmaster Aaron Marcavitch at marcavitch@gmail.com.



A sunny day at the Lake

Natalia Rincon Is Recipient Of David Craig Scholarship

by Douglas A. Mangum

The David Craig Memorial Scholarship Foundation (DCMSF) announced that Natalia Rincon of Winterwood Place in Greenbelt is the winner of the annual \$10,000 scholarship award.

Rincon is a dual-sport (lacrosse and soccer) student athlete who also participated in the Greenbelt Recreation’s circus camps. While attending camps from a young age through adolescence she has mastered juggling, riding the unicycle, walking on stilts and the tightrope, along with being a trapeze artist.

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School class of 2020 voted Rincon as the Personality award winner. She won the hearts of the DCMSF board members with her amazing personality traits and characteristics conveyed through numerous letters of recommendation.

This incredible young lady amassed a swath of community service hours while also competing in two varsity sports, maintaining a GPA of 4.071, exercising her Christian faith and serving her school in various clubs. Rincon co-founded the Cultural Connoisseurs Club and served as treasurer. She belongs to, and leads, many clubs at Roosevelt such as the Do Something Club, TLC (Truth, Love and Character), both the Spanish Honor Society and the National Honor Society (inductees committee), the Millionaire’s Club and the Bring Change to Roosevelt Club. She received the AP Scholar Award, the Scholar Athlete Award and the Varsity Athlete Award. Her entry in the science fair earth and environment category won her first place.

In the community, she volunteers to do trail cleanup at Greenbelt Park and assists during the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival. Rincon will be pursuing a mechanical engineering degree at the University of Maryland.

The following paragraph, from one of the letters of recommendation from her coaches and teachers, exemplifies who Rincon is and how she is seen among her peers: “In this class (English 9 Honors) Natalia helped solidify the most cohesive, communal classroom community I have ever encountered. With thought-



Natalia Rincon of Eleanor Roosevelt High School

ful insights on our weekly poems, apt jokes, mature writing and a sincere smile, she helped to unify an eclectic group of people; her spirit has a unique way of doing this. It’s why Natalia was my first choice to host our poetry slam this year and why she has hosted numerous other school events.”

A different letter of recommendation states: “Natalia’s determination is not limited to the classroom. Despite being a student in the demanding science and technology program she contributed to our school community by participating in numerous clubs.” In those clubs “she learned numerous life skills such as teamwork, active listening and perseverance, which she will carry with her at the next level.”

It is not by chance that Rincon is considered in high standing in her community. Hard work, passion, involvement and true friendship are accolades that shine through on paper and in person. The DCMSF offers congratulations to the entire class of 2020 for graduating in a year of unprecedented chaos and change. This past school year could truly be described as a circus and Rincon navigated it like a tried-and-true circus performer and artist.

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Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department, www.greenbeltmd.gov/police
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Shooting
May 16, 9:09 p.m., 9001 Breezewood Terrace. Officers responded to a report of shots fired and located a woman suffering what appeared to be multiple gunshot wounds to her leg. She was transported to a nearby hospital for treatment of non-life-threatening injuries. A witness advised that she and the woman had been walking down the street when they passed a man who insulted them. She then heard gunshots and realized that the woman had been shot. She then saw the man holding a handgun.

Home Invasion
May 14, 9:20 p.m., 6227 Springhill Court. Two men entered a residence after a man inside answered their knock on the door. One intruder was armed with a handgun, struck the resident in the head with it and ordered him and second person in the apartment to the floor. The intruders went through the home, took a cellphone and fled. The resident refused medical treatment for minor injuries.

Robbery
May 15, 10:27 p.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane. Witnesses saw a man armed with a knife approach a man in the parking lot of the Shell Food Mart and demand his property. A struggle ensued, at which time the man in the parking lot was punched several times, resulting in minor injuries. The man with the knife took the man's cell phone and fled on a black bicycle. He is described as being black with a light complexion and close-cropped hair, wearing a black T-shirt and dark pants. The injured man refused treatment.
May 16, 1:03 a.m., 5707 Cherrywood Lane. Two men approached another man and punched him several times, took his cell phone and fled on foot. The injured man refused treatment for minor injuries.

May 19, 9:30 p.m., 9100 Springhill Lane. A man exiting his vehicle was approached by a man who produced a knife and announced a robbery. He patted the man down and then removed his wallet from his vehicle before he fled on foot.

Multiple Charges
May 15, 5:34 p.m., 6002 Greenbelt Road. Two 20-year-old nonresidents were arrested and each charged with multiple offenses after officers responded to a report of food being ordered at Hook and Reel using a stolen credit card. One of the women was charged with possession of marijuana with intent to distribute and possession of marijuana, and both women with credit card fraud and theft. Both were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Theft
May 16, 6 p.m., 5903 Cherrywood Lane. A parcel package was taken from the front stoop of a residence.

Fraud
May 16, 9:18 a.m. 6210 Breezewood Court. A man was contacted on social media about a money-making investment offer. After he sent money to the caller, he received a message that additional money was needed because the IRS had put a hold on the money he had sent earlier. The man sent additional money two more times before he realized that it was a scam.

Burglary
May 14, 7:17 a.m., 7523 Greenbelt Road. The front door of Pollo Cabana was shattered in order to gain access to the premises.
May 14, 3 p.m., 9234 Edmonston Road. A work crew reported that a cot and other property were taken from a vacant apartment.
May 15, 11:26 a.m., 6102 Breezewood Drive. Entry into a vacant apartment was apparently

gained by breaking out a window. A person possibly involved was seen leaving the area on a black Yamaha motor scooter, wearing a black helmet with a white sticker on the back.

May 20, 12:03 p.m., 6113 Breezewood Court. Two 19-year-old residents and a 22-year-old nonresident were arrested and charged with fourth degree burglary by officers who responded to a report of a burglary of a vacant apartment. All three were transported to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism
May 14, 8:02 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Lane. Spray paint was used to vandalize a stationary speed camera unit.

May 16, 1:03 a.m., 6114 Breezewood Court. A woman saw a man throw a rock at her bedroom window, breaking it.

Vehicle Crime
A brown 2007 Ford F-250 pickup truck with Maryland tags 6921XC was taken from Westway near Ridge Road.
Seven thefts from vehicles were reported, including two catalytic converters, one each, from 6220 Breezewood Drive

and 6201 Springhill Drive. Five thefts occurred after windows were broken out to gain access. A credit card and driver's license were taken in two incidents in the 9234 Edmonston Road, a notebook computer and money from 9104 Edmonston Court, a sandwich from 9011 Breezewood Terrace and five commercial air fans from a work van in 9125 Springhill Lane.

Five acts of vandalism were reported. Windows were broken in the 6122 Breezewood Terrace and 9162 Edmonston Road. In the 9160 Edmonston Road the body of one vehicle was scratched and dented, and in a second, a window was broken and paint was scratched.

One vehicle in 5905 Cherrywood Lane had four tires slashed, paint sprayed on it and the body dented.



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COVID Coping

by Lindsey Hutchison, 13

When we left school that Friday I never considered we wouldn't return. "It'll be like another spring break, ha ha." Yeah, right. So many things were stripped from our hands so fast. Our freedom, our social life, the rest of our 2020 school year and so much more. We all thought that we were just saying goodbye for two weeks. Those two weeks turned into four weeks, then six, then online school started. As the governor extended the stay-at-home order, my hope of going back to school was slowly disappearing. I never even got to say goodbye to our eighth graders/rising freshmen. I feel even worse for them because they didn't get their graduation, eighth-grade trip to Paris, and they didn't even get to say goodbye to their teachers or friends they've known for nine years.

If only I knew that the virus we were unknowingly joking about would soon change our lives. When it arrived in the U.S., it still didn't make me worry that much. The first death happened and I thought, "It won't travel all the way down here to Maryland, right?" Wrong. It spread to Montgomery County. My uncle, Marc Elrich, is actually the county executive of Montgomery County. He lives there with my aunt. So I was most definitely worried for both of them. Not only because I can't even imagine the stress Marc has right now, but he's also in the most susceptible age range. Then it came to Prince George's County. I wasn't necessarily worried about my health because I'm young and healthy, but I was worried about if I contracted COVID-19 and brought it home to my parents. They're pretty healthy but they're kind of old (sorry mom and dad). Then some people I know personally contracted the virus: my mom's choir friend, a family friend, even one of my close friend's grandma, who unfortunately died from the virus.

We are losing so many people left and right. I really appreciate everyone who is working together to help prevent any more deaths or cases. All of the essential workers who continue to work

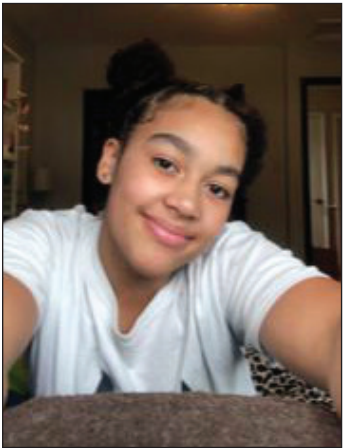


PHOTO BY LINDSEY HUTCHISON

Lindsey Hutchison stays at home for weeks and weeks.

through these stressful times and put themselves at risk to help others, deserve the world. There are so many people that I'm keeping in my prayers.

I actually haven't left my house since the day we got out of school unless it was to go out into my backyard or to Buddy Attick Park for a little run. Recently though, my dad and I went to get some Starbucks. I got a double chocolate chip frappuccino (it was delicious). As I went out for the first time amidst all of this chaos, it felt very strange. Almost as if I was starring in a sci-fi movie about the end of the world. It was also my first time wearing a mask. It was so hard to talk and breathe, it felt as if I was a dog wearing a muzzle. I don't know how people can go all day working in those. So much respect for them.

I'm really hoping that the numbers start decreasing exponentially so that we can have a fun and semi-normal summer. I want to go outside and breathe the fresh oxygen. Not some of my recycled air inside of my mask. I hope that we can all look back on this eye-opening experience and have more respect for our grocery store clerks, doctors, nurses, EMTs and anyone else who has been so helpful during these times. I wish this disaster will help us appreciate what we've lost.

Lindsey Hutchison is a student at the Dora Kennedy French Immersion School.

Happy Birthday Ellen Davis

As Mary Ann Baker, a News Review member, was out walking on Hillside she heard the strains of a well-played violin and followed her ears. She discovered Birthday Girl Ellen Davis and her family enjoying a personal violin concert by jazz violinist Nataly Merezhuk from the Creative Alliance. Davis' family had engaged Merezhuk to celebrate the birthday – giving joy not only to Davis, but to the entire neighborhood that came out to watch and listen.



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Jazz violinist Nataly Merezhuk plays violin for Ellen Davis to celebrate her birthday.

Celebrating Mask Wearers: Send us your Photos!

During the pandemic, masks have become an important tool to protect each other and stay healthy. They are required at the Co-op Supermarket and on walks at Buddy Attick Park. Whether homemade, surgical, special order, quirky or plain, they're indispensable. We'd like to publish photos of Greenbelters in their new fashion accessories to show our community spirit and support during this difficult time. Email photos of you and/or your family or friends wearing masks (include names) to editor@greenbeltnewsreview.com.

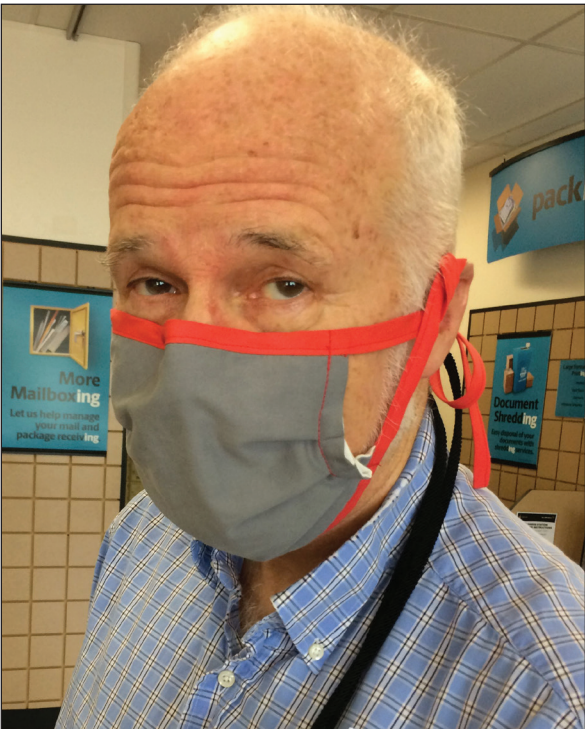
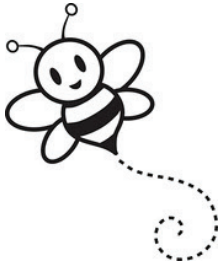


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Examples of painted rocks

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